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A CHEERFUL PROSPECT.

DEMOCRATS in New Mexico may look with cheerfulness, not to say elation, upon the prospects for the success of the party in the coming fall campaign. The election of a Democrat to congress is certain. It is just a question of how great a majority he shall be given; and in spite of the remarkable districting of the state for legislative purposes, a districting which makes the map of Asta-miner look like a straight line, it now seems quite certain that with hard, persistent work, a majority of Democrats may be returned to the lower house of the legislature.

There are several sound reasons for this faith. First, the majorities by which nearly all of the Republican members of the last lamented lower house were elected were very small ones. The Democratic districts will return Democrats, with larger majorities than before. There will be no Democratic losses, and there are certain to be Democratic gains which will be big enough to win in a number of doubtful districts.

The Progressive party was not organized in this state when the last house of representatives was elected. It had a nominal organization in Bernalillo county, for well known utilitarian purposes, and it succeeded in electing a member of the house.

At present, vigorous Progressive organizing campaigns are being carried out in nearly every county in the state. The rallying cry of the organizers is, "No compromise with the stand-pat gang." The purpose of the present Progressive activity is to capture the Republican state organization and take it into the Progressive party camp. Failing in this, the Progressives will nominate a complete party ticket and flock by themselves. In Santa Fe, Cofax, Union and one or two other normally Republican counties the flock will be large enough to destroy any hope of stand-pat success.

The Democrats, by aggressive campaigning this fall, can elect with ease Democratic house members from Taos and Rio Arriba counties. The uprising against the old Republican bosses in those two counties has been a somewhat unanimous affair. It has been done in mass meeting and by individual expression of sentiment.

In Taos county Matias Martinez, the last remaining Republican boss, able to "deliver" a vote, has been deprived of his power. This has followed Mr. Martinez's complete separation from public office and through other causes. In Rio Arriba county on Wednesday a prohibition election was held in the town of El Rito, home of Col. Venesque Jarritimo, who at one time ruled the precinct and half the county. When it is said that the election put out of business a saloon owned by the clever little cabinet, by a vote of 5 to 1, no further comment seems necessary. The people of those two counties have not forgotten and are not likely to forget the treatment meted out to their members of the lower house by the Republicans when in connection with the incident of "Rosa 44," they were made to take jobs as official goads and left with their horns tied to district school and village elections in the two counties last week, the political line was finely drawn. The Democrats won in almost every instance, and on the cry of down with the Republican bosses.

These are but a few straws which show the general direction of the wind. But they are mighty interesting straws.

All that is needed now to elect a Democratic house of representatives, give a record breaking majority for a Democratic congressmen, and absolutely clinch New Mexico for the party in the next general state election, is a hard, vigorous, fighting campaign next fall.

THE RULING POWER.

UNDER the title, "Let the Thinking People Rule," the editorial page of this week's Leslie's Weekly is devoted to a tirade against congress, which it charges with the crime of remaining in session when it should adjourn and go home; the president, which it charges with the crime of issuing further legislation for the regulation of certain phases of big business, and the interstate commerce commission, which is charged with the crime of failing to grant immediately the five per cent

freight rate increase asked by the railroads. Friends the advocates and champion of big business, the defender of trusts and monopolies, laud the new than usual this work in condemning what it terms "over-regulation" of business, is deceived that at this time when the country's prosperity seems to hang in the balance, that it is dangerous for congress to remain in session, thus permitting the "visionaries" and "dreamers" in that body full rein. It declares that the very conservative additions to the laws regulating trade and monopoly proposed by the president, are "constricting to business" and enough to bring about a panic. It declares that the whole prosperity of the nation, present and future, rests on the granting to the railroads the five per cent freight rate increase by the interstate commerce commission, concludes with the assertion that the interstate commerce commission should perform its duty promptly.

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SOLOS
by the
Second Fiddle.

THE GOAT is said to be entirely free from interceliacal. But nobody wants to be the goat.

POTATOES in Cleveland do not grow larger than the ordinary potato. Same is true in some boarding houses.

GOVERNOR CHUCE will not have to shoot the cigarette smokers. They do their own shooting.

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Great Trials of History**THE FUGITIVE SLAVE CASE.**

ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1850, President Millard Fillmore signed the famous fugitive slave law. This has created an end of excitement in the north, as it created satisfaction in the south and southwest, in which section it originated. Thousands of slaves had fled from their owners in the south and had settled in the north, where they felt perfectly secure, but this new law permitted the hunting down, capture and return of the slaves to their owners. Naturally the attempt on the part of southern slave owners to reclaim what they considered was their property, led to many serious complications, and trials were being constantly held in northern states in an effort to carry out the provisions of this law.

In the meantime, Coburn was making a speedy trip through the south securing witnesses for the trial. He was able to secure a number of slaveholders from Georgia, Virginia and Alabama to come to Indianapolis to testify. On the day of the trial it was estimated that 10,000 people had gathered in the then little city of Indianapolis to witness the trial.

Ellington also had the best counsel money could secure, and from the surrounding country the best legal talent had gathered to hear the case, which was afterwards known as the "famous fugitive slave case." Many lawyers spoke in favor of the slaves and offered their services in the case, while just as many argued that the case should be tried fully and decided as the new law directed.

When Ellington was brought in he was handcuffed and blindfolded. When the blindfold was removed he recognized many persons who had come from the states named and whom he formerly knew. John Coburn, the attorney, then rose and spoke, declaring that these men were addressed to the judge, jury and people. John Freeman was kidnapped by a Missouri slave holder, Pleasant Ellington, who claimed that Freeman

was having been born free, as having been free-born, signed by such men as Lettice Wagner, Warren

County, Ky., in 1846. They began married life in Indianapolis, and he

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